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**Around The Army****Fort Hood:**

The Sentinel reported Aug. 23 that more than 600 people attended an annual military appreciation banquet hosted by the Temple, Texas, Chamber of Commerce.

The event featured an array of performances, awards and leaders from the military and local communities paying tribute to men and women serving in the armed forces.

For more on this story and other Fort Hood News, visit www.militarynews.com/sentinel on the Web.

Fort Myer:

The Pentagon reported Aug. 26 that the post gas station was doing record business as gas prices climbed nationally.

The station had sold 27 percent more gas that it had during the same period of the previous year because drivers were flocking to the station to take advantage of the lowest prices in the area.

For more on this story and other Fort Myer, Va., news, visit www.fmmc.army.mil on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Sept. 8 that the post was experiencing effects of a "Gasoline Pilfering Law" that states: As gas prices rise, so too do drive-off thefts at the pump.

The AAFES Shopette on Wilson Road experienced one drive-off per day in August, the store manager reported. That cost the store \$875 in revenue, she said.

For more on this and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit www.turret.com on the Web.

Korea:

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported Sept. 14 that 8th Army Soldiers are expecting big things at the Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C., early in October.

Last year's team representing 8th Army finished second in the run against American Soldiers from around the world.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Fort Rucker:

The Army Flyer reported Sept. 14 that the Army Aviation Training Center delivered 2,136 Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs) to a Mobile, Ala., distribution center Sept. 3 to help in the relief effort following Hurricane Katrina's assault on the Gulf Coast.

For more on this story and other Fort Rucker, Ala., news, visit www.armyflyer.com on the Web.

Armor Scouts find most-wanted

Patrol searching for weapons cache uncovers insurgent leader in haystack

By Phil LaCasse

2nd Battalion, 34th Armor

Deployed Fort Riley Soldiers apprehended the Iraqi insurgent leader ranked No. 1 on the Iraqi Ministry of Defense's most wanted list.

Scout Platoon Soldiers of the

2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, apprehended Aziz Ibrahim Yahia al Karkhy Aug. 1.

Al Karkhy operated an insurgent cell in Iraq's Diyala Province. The cell was responsible for several recent small arms, mortar, improvised explosive device and vehicle-borne IED attacks.

Before his activities as an insurgent leader, al Karkhy was a senior regional Ba'ath Party official suspected of training more than 800 civilians in guerrilla warfare tactics in the months leading up to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Starting in 2002, al Karkhy presided over an Al-Khodus Army

camp near the city of Kan'an that, on Saddam Hussein's orders, taught future insurgents how to employ mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and small arms.

"Aziz Ibrahim's capture is just another obstacle removed from the patch which the Iraqi people must travel as they continue their march

toward a free democracy," said Lt. Col. Oscar J. Hall IV, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, commander.

Acting on reports from human intelligence sources, a combat patrol from the battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters Company sought to detain al Karkhy on

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Travel tactics



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Staff Sgt. Tracy Hoskins (front) of the 795th AG Co. and Spc. Heidi Armstrong of the 67th ASG, watch for the enemy on their 13-mile convoy exercise Sept. 9.

Soldiers learn to shoot while moving

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

They piled into the back of trucks, sat on the floorboards and placed their weapons on the bench seats overlooking the prairie terrain.

As their convoy rolled out, Soldiers prepared themselves to attack enemy threats on their 13-mile journey. For the Army Reservists, this was a chance to practice defending their convoy from insurgent attacks before heading overseas.

Reservists from a five-state area practiced firing from moving convoys Sept. 9-10 at Fort Riley. The live-fire exercise was a part of the 13-day training Soldiers go through in

preparation for upcoming deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nicknamed the "dependable trainers," those conducting the training are fellow Reservists who have been activated and sent to Fort Riley. Some, like Sgt. 1st Class John Williams of 1st Battalion, 383rd Regiment, from Des Moines, Iowa, have been here for more than two years.

"We've been getting the troops ready to deploy to Iraq, teaching them to fire on the move ... basically how to survive in a hostile environment. It's very important for us to make sure we get the troops the

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Spc. Alejandro Reyes of the 425th Trans. Co. tends to an injured Soldier played by Spc. Kerstin Stockdall of the 795th AG Co. during a dry run of the live-fire exercise Sept. 9.

Retreat honors all 9-11 victims

By Stephanie Perrin

Staff writer

Fort Riley honored the memory of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001, with reverence, praise for heroic action and a moment of silence Sept. 9.

Approximately 100 members of the Fort Riley community gathered at Ware Parade Field for a special retreat ceremony in observance of the terrorist attack that led the United States into a global war on terrorism.

Soldiers of the 924th Military Police Battalion stood at attention near a fire truck parked on Heubner Road in front of the post headquarters with its ladder extended high.

The fire truck was to honor the 343 firefighters who lost their lives as a result of the attacks, said Station Chief Chris Trudo.

"Remember, people were coming down, trying to leave; they (the firefighters) were headed up into harm's way, and we will never forget that," said Col.(P) Dana Pittard, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division (Mech).

He said most Americans remember where they were and what they were doing on Sept. 11, 2001.

Scores of heroes arose from the tragedy of the attacks, he said, mentioning the passengers on American Airlines Flight 93 and the police and firemen who lost their lives that day.

"It's a day of remembrance but it's also a day of resolve," Pittard said.

"It's a day of resolve because we resolve to defeat terrorism, global terrorism, wherever it is in the world," he said.

To conclude the ceremony, Soldiers of Detachment F, 15th Finance, raised the U.S. flag from its half-staff position, and then lowered it, folded it and formally ended the duty day at Fort Riley.

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Katrina victim plans to return to New Orleans

By Jay Baker

DA public affairs intern

"You have one hour to leave," emergency personnel told Jason Bertoniere.

So, he packed up what he could and drove about 1,000 miles to stay with his mother and stepfather at Fort Riley as Hurricane Katrina battered his home

Bertoniere said he left his home and most of his belongings before the floods hit the town of Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans, La., where Bertoniere lived and worked.

News of the impending floods prompted Bertoniere to pack a few clothes, take his credit card and make the journey from home to Baton Rouge, La., on to Houston,

Texas, and then Wichita, Kan.

After driving and sleeping in his truck for five days and spending more than \$1,000 on food, water and gas, Bertoniere stopped at Fort Riley, at the home of his mother, Rozine Curvin, and his stepfather, Spc. Kyle Curvin.

Bertoniere, a 24-year-old construction worker and part-time student at Tulane University, said, he

felt completely devastated after his long journey home to mom.

Bertoniere left home when he was 18, he said. "I have been on my own since I left high school," he said.

The young man prides himself on being able to overcome the challenges in his life, but he and his mother now face several new

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Inside:

American military assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina has grown to nearly 71,000 troops helping in a wide range of missions. See page 3.





Post news in brief

Retiree day set for Oct. 14

The annual Fort Riley Retiree Appreciation Day will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at Riley's Conference Center. Retirees of all services are invited to attend this event to receive the latest information on retiree benefits and activities at Fort Riley.

A Health Fair will be conducted by members of Irwin Army Community Hospital from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, will be the keynote speaker. Lt. Col. David Batchelor, commander of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, will also be a special guest, speaking about experiences while serving in Iraq.

Other guest speakers will include retired Col. George Webb, executive director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, and Col. Marilyn Brooks, Irwin Army Community Hospital commander.

Retired Brig. Gen. Dayle Williamson, chairperson of the Fort Riley Retiree Council, will welcome attendees.

For more information, call 239-3320.

Wackenhut recruiter to visit

A recruiter from The Wackenhut Corporation will be at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center located in Room 6 of Building 210 Sept. 22 starting at 9 a.m. The recruiter will be providing information about the company, accepting applications and conducting preliminary interviews for Armed Elite Custom Protection Officer openings in Ft. Lauderdale, Boca Raton and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Initial pre-qualifications for these positions include one or more of the following:

- * Honorable discharge from combat arms occupations, military police, correction specialist and noncommissioned officers with more than 10 years active duty.

- * Combat Support and Combat Service Support Soldiers who served one year in Iraq or Afghanistan.

- * Primary Leadership Development Course graduate.
- * Ability to interact with leading corporate managers and general public.
- * Initiative, organizational skills, strong work ethic and desire to succeed.

For more information, call the ACAP Center at 239-2278 or stop by Room 6.

Photo contest deadline nears

Deadline for entering the annual photography contest at the Arts and Crafts Center is Oct. 1. The contest is open to active duty Soldiers in one division and to all other authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons in another division.

Entries can be made as black and white prints, color prints and short films in people, places, objects, military life and experimental process categories.

For more information about the contest, visit the Arts and Crafts Center.

Toastmasters slate meeting

The next Old Bill's Toastmasters meeting is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 22 in the training room at Fire Station No. 2 in Junction City. Anyone from the Fort Riley and Junction City community interested in building their leadership skills and overcoming the fear of public speaking is welcome to attend.

Meetings are free and open to the general public. For more information about the meeting and directions to the Fire Station, call Jim Hill at 761-1130.

Sudan native chooses U.S. citizenship



Col. Kenneth Hassler, commander of the 67th ASG, applauds Pfc. Mujahid Kuwa, an administrative specialist assigned to the Nebraska unit about to deploy to Iraq. Kuwa had taken the oath of U.S. citizenship Sept. 9 and was recognized Sept. 12 during a morning formation of 67th ASG Soldiers.

DoD asks workers to use Web for pay

By Gerry J. Gilmore
AFPS

WASHINGTON — A new Defense Department policy asks servicemembers, government civilians and retirees to obtain needed pay documents from an online Web site, a Defense Finance and Accounting Service spokesman said Sept. 9.

Having DoD customers obtain pay documents such as leave-and-earnings and tax statements via computer rather than having hard copies mailed to them is envisioned to provide hefty savings, according to DFAS Representative Jim Pitt, director of the agency's myPay online system.

For example, the government would save \$740,970 in postage if all DoD civilian employees used myPay, Pitt noted. The new policy is part of DoD initiatives to support President Bush's directive for government agencies to harness the Internet to deliver services, he said.

Using the online system also assures that personal data like Social Security numbers are viewed and accessed only by each customer, Pitt said. And the myPay system, accessed at

<https://mypay.dfas.mil>, soon will feature added security measures that will help protect users against identity theft, he noted.

Pitt said users who want to subscribe to myPay are required to first submit basic information via any government-sourced computer to obtain a personal identification number. Afterward, users can use their PINs to access the myPay Web site through any computer that has Internet access, he said.

Another way to obtain a PIN is to call the Customer Support Center at (800) 390-2348. PINs will be sent to customers within a few days, either via mail or by e-mail.

Although DFAS customers still can opt to request hard-copy W-2s and LESSs, Pitt urged them to use the myPay online service to save government dollars. The myPay site also can be used to check up on pay account information and to make changes to allotments or direct deposits, he said.

A memorandum signed April 29, 2005, by Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David S.C. Chu and DoD Comptroller Tina W. Jonas outlined the new policy, which went into effect Sept. 1.

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Soldier escapes three wars to fight another

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

After fleeing three wars in Africa, Pfc. Mujahid Kuwa is ready to go to war in Iraq — as a U.S. citizen.

The 67th Area Support Group Soldier joined the Lincoln, Neb., unit in 2003, knowing he might have to deploy to Iraq to fight in the global war on terrorism. He's been at Fort Riley the past two months, preparing for that deployment.

"I didn't want to go as just somebody," Kuwa said Sept. 12 after a morning unit formation. "If I was going to go, and maybe die, I wanted to go as an American citizen," he explained.

At the morning formation, Col. Kenneth Hassler, 67th ASG commander, presented Kuwa a U.S. flag recognizing his decision to become a citizen.

Kuwa took the oath of citizenship in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 9. Two other Soldiers swore allegiance to the United States at the same ceremony.

One was Sgt. Marc Brennan of the United Kingdom. He had been assigned to the 1st Maintenance Company at Fort Riley but was processing out of the Army on

"If I was going to go (to war), and maybe die, I wanted to go as an American citizen."

— Pfc. Mujahid Kuwa
New U.S. citizen

Sept. 12 when the Post tried to reach him for comment.

The other Soldier is an Iraqi Kurd assigned to a unit based at Fort Sill, Okla., but deployed to Iraq. Sgt. Peshraw Barzinji took the oath of citizenship while in the United States on leave from his deployment to Iraq. He left for Iraq after the citizenship ceremony.

Kuwa was born in Debang, Sudan. When he was 2, his family left Sudan when war broke out. They went to Ethiopia, where Kuwa lived until he was 9, and war broke out there.

That conflict sent his family in search of peace in Kenya, where Kuwa lived until war again forced him to become a refugee.

He arrived in Lincoln, Neb., on Sept. 28, 2000. He became a student at the University of Nebraska

at Kearney, majoring in international studies.

Deciding to become a U.S. citizen meant more studying for the Sudan native. He studied U.S. history and faced an exam comprised of 10 questions taken from 100 questions.

"I had to get six of those 10 questions right," Kuwa said. "I had to know the constitution, the first president of the United States and what July 4th is."

The studying wasn't easy, but it wasn't too difficult, either, Kuwa said.

Now that he is a citizen, Kuwa said he thinks the greatest benefit will be the freedom he will have to do what he likes.

Hassler counts Kuwa as a significant asset to the 67th ASG, especially because the unit is deploying to Iraq.

"I consider him to be a critical asset," Hassler said. "He's a hard worker, dependable and speaks Arabic."

Kuwa trained as an administrative specialist for the Army and works in a section that deals with third nation citizens.

The 67th ASG mission in Iraq will center on base operations and infrastructure development, Hassler said.

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July 29, but the former Ba'ath Party colonel eluded them.

"We thought we had him at one point," said 1st Lt. Christopher D'Istifeno, Scout Platoon leader, "but it was a case of mistaken identity."

Three days later, the battalion received an intelligence report of a suspected weapons cache containing mortars and rockets located near the same area.

During a thorough search of the area, battalion Scouts discovered al Karkhy hiding beneath a large pile of hay and animal feces.

"We've cross-checked hundreds of individuals and been close so many times," D'Istifeno

said. "It makes it that much sweeter when you do get him."

Ironically, the Aug. 1 patrol was not looking for al Karkhy. A large haystack is an ideal place to hide weapons and ammunition, and in the course of searching for contraband, Soldiers discovered their elusive target.

"I was as surprised to see him as he was to see me," said Spc. Christopher Adolf, the Scout Platoon Soldier who found al Karkhy. "At first I thought it was a pumpkin, but it had a face."

"This was not a fancy mission with helicopters, Special Forces and a bunch of high-tech stuff," Hall said. "It was just the basics:

Good intelligence, patience and well-trained Soldiers focused on accomplishing the mission they were given," he said.

The Armor Soldiers have earned themselves a reputation among Iraqi citizens and fellow Soldiers alike for their persistence and determination in finding the enemy, one Army official noted.

"When the 'Dreadnaughts' are chasing someone, they are just like warhogs," said Col. Steven L. Salazar, commander of the 3rd Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division. "They will keep rooting around until either the bad guy gives up or he's caught. They just keep wearing them down."

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Post news in brief

Center staff cancels job fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center job fair scheduled for Oct. 21 has been cancelled. The non-availability of Soldiers and family members has made this necessary. The next ACAP job fair has been tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2006.

Regular ACAP services, such as pre-separation benefits briefings, 3 1/2-day job search workshops, special employer days and job search assistance will continue unchanged.

For more information, call the ACAP Center at 239-2278 or 239-2248, or stop by the office, Room 6, Building 21, on Main Post.

To keep informed of ACAP Center activities, you may subscribe to the ACAP InTouch list on the Fort Riley Web site at www.riley.army.mil/InTouch.

Cooling to end this month

Weather permitting: the air conditioning turn off on post will begin Sept. 26 and continue through Sept. 30 according to the following schedule:

- Administration buildings
- Barracks
- Bachelor enlisted quarters and bachelor officer quarters with individual units

- The 8000 area
- Dining facilities
- Community buildings

Heating systems are scheduled to be turned starting Oct. 11 and continuing through Oct. 28 in the following order:

- Barracks
- Bachelor officer and bachelor enlisted quarters

- The 8000 area
- Community buildings
- Administration buildings
- Dining facilities
- Motor pools

The heating and cooling systems in chapels, child development, medical and dental buildings will be maintained as appropriate.

Family housing occupants control their own heat and air conditioning systems as desired.

The authorized temperature for the heating season is 65-70 degrees.

For more information, call Steve Fief at 239-3908.

Warrant team slates briefings

A warrant officer recruiting team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief Fort Riley Soldiers on the qualifications and application procedures for becoming a warrant officer in the Army.

Briefings will be conducted in Room 1 of the Digital Training Facility, Building 7285, on Custer Hill at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Oct. 3-5 and at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 6.

Current warrant officer shortages exist for military intelligence, food service, criminal investigations and special forces fields.

For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer Anthony L. Edwards at (502) 626-0328 or DSN 536-0328/0271 or send him e-mail at Anthony.Edwards@usarec.army.mil.

Network shifts 'In Step' times

Channel 13 plans to shift some show times for "In Step With Fort Riley" from its normal 7 a.m. Sunday slot to another time slot to accommodate the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon and some sports programming.

"In Step With Fort Riley" will air at 4:30 a.m. on Oct. 15 and Dec. 3 and 24 instead of 7 a.m. Sunday those weeks.

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proper training they need," Williams said. "We're not going to send anyone over there half-cocked and not ready to go."

Because deploying Reserve Soldiers have less training opportunities than active duty Soldiers, this training is especially important, said Col. Brad Harris of the 3rd Brigade, 75th Division, and officer-in-charge of the convoy live-fire exercise.

"Our job, since Reservists are oftentimes limited to two weeks a year, is to give them the hands-on training that they might otherwise be lacking."

"All the Reserve Soldiers we've trained thus far have been very skilled as far as their respective MOSs (Military Occupation Specialties). The training that we're providing is just to increase their survivability in-country so they can do their day-to-day jobs," Harris said.

"It's very important that they receive this training and that they take it seriously. I think it's very

imperative that they get a lot of practical exercises on the ground before they get to the country so they're more adept and have a better chance of making it out alive," said Sgt. Chris Miller of the 3rd Bn., 383rd Regt., 3rd Bde, 75th Div.

The convoy live-fire exercise simulates some of the action Soldiers could see in Iraq and Afghanistan and helps them learn to defend their convoys, Harris said.

"IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices), car bombs, sniper attacks are accounting for a large number of casualties in Iraq."

"The enemy's learned that we're more vulnerable when we travel in convoy ... They try to attack us as we're moving our fuel, our ammo, our food, medical supplies, those sorts of things," Harris said.

"So our mission is to make these targets a little harder to hit and a little more aggressive when hit," Harris said.

70,900 troops help in hurricane relief

AFPS

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department established NORTHCOM in 2002 to consolidate homeland defense and civil support missions previously done by various military organizations under a single unified command.

A total of 70,916 troops are supporting disaster relief efforts in the area, NORTHCOM officials said. Of those, 20,800 are active duty and 50,116 are Army and Air National Guard.

Twenty-four ships — 17 Navy and seven Coast Guard — are stationed in the area, with one more ship en route, officials said.

More than 200 members of the Mexican army and 45 vehicles arrived at the former Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, where they will provide hot meals for up to 7,000 people, potable water and medical and dental assistance.

The Mexican vessel MS Papaloapan and Dutch vessel HNLMS Van Amstel are in the Gulf Coast area and are coordinating relief operations with the USS Batjan.

As of Sept. 9, military personnel have delivered more than 31.4 million liters of water, 78.5 million pounds of ice and 15.4 million individually packaged military rations to relief areas.



Reserve Soldiers carry an injured comrade, played by Spc. Kerstin Stockdall of the 795th AG Co., during a dry run of the convoy live-fire exercise Sept. 9. Stockdall was given an injury card by one of the trainers during the convoy run. Fellow Soldiers assessed her injuries and she was taken to a medical vehicle for further attention as part of the exercise.

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challenges.

"We haven't heard from my little brother or my grandmother since the storm hit on Sunday (Aug. 28) night," he said.

Bertoniere's brother lives in Slidell, La., and his grandmother lives in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

New Orleans. Now this changes some things, but it doesn't

mother was on the roof of the house," he said.

Bertoniere's future looks bleak. "My house in Metairie is gone, and my two properties in Bay St. Louis are gone, too. I had a nice life and a good job in New Orleans. Now this changes some things, but it doesn't

change my plans," Bertoniere said.

Showing some personal determination, Bertoniere said he wants to complete a business administration degree and then help to rebuild New Orleans whenever the government says it's OK to go back.

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Retreat ceremony honors victims

Soldiers of 15th Finance Battalion fold the U.S. flag after raising it from its half-staff position and lowering it during a retreat ceremony in front of the post's headquarters Sept. 9 to honor the people who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Pentagon officials glean lessons from 9-11 attack

By Samantha L. Quigley

AFPS

WASHINGTON — For the chief of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on his charge is still a vivid memory.

"My first thought that day was, 'No. Not here.' That was the thing in my mind, 'It can't be happening here,'" John Jester said from his Pentagon office.

"We had two big challenges that day," said Jester, who was in the building when an American Airlines Boeing 757 hit. "One was to try to rescue people because there were people who were in that area who could not see how to get out."

The smoke resulting from the explosion and fireballs that rolled down the nearby hallways when the plane impacted was so thick and dark that people couldn't find the exits. There are now reflective strips at ground level that indicate how to find exits.

"The second thing is we had to secure the building," he said. "We ... had a situation where we had a building that was broken open. We had information and classified materials, safes and things, all around."



"Don't think it won't happen on your watch."

— John Jester
Pentagon attack survivor

There were more than 300 safes containing classified material in the section of the building that was hit. They were eventually opened with hydraulic cutting tools typically used to free people from vehicle accidents and returned to their respective departments.

The sheer number of volunteers that showed up had to be handled, as well. Their help was appreciated in the immediate aftermath, but as time went on, Jester said there were too many.

The first and foremost lesson learned that day was: "Don't think it won't happen on your watch," Jester said.

He now anticipates worst-case scenarios, another lesson gleaned from that tragic day, he said. "Use your imagination about what could happen to you," Jester said. The lessons of that day, on

which 125 servicemembers and civilians were killed in the attack, resulted in the Pentagon Force Protection Agency. The organization was previously known as the Defense Protective Service and had a total of 320 people, Jester said. The PFPA, a new defense agency since the attacks, is made up of 870 personnel, many former military, who are part of a "very robust anti-terrorism force protection team."

Anticipated scenarios are often played out in training exercises with nearby Arlington County, Va., first responders, Jester said. He added that the exercises help all coordinate with one another and give them a chance to get to know each other. Familiarity equals speed in the middle of a crisis, Jester said, adding that it's not a matter of "if," but "when" this training will pay off.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many people stricken by the storm are criticizing government response and assistance. What is your reaction to that?



Retired Sgt. Maj. Bob Allen
Red Cross volunteer
Home: Junction City

"They're putting all the blame on (President) Bush, but the local people knew about it and should do more. People should do more, but then you got the hoodlums who threatened people trying to help."



Mike Austin
Contract employee
Odyssey International
Home: Clearfield, Utah

"State and city governments are supposed to act first. FEMA comes in afterward. The U.S. government is doing pretty good. It was such a massive thing, the city and state couldn't mobilize adequately."



Jim Borden
Contracted employee
Odyssey International
Home: Farmington, Utah

"I think their complaints are invalid. It was an unprecedented disaster. Everybody knew a category 4 or 5 hurricane would wipe out New Orleans. I think the casualty counts are less than expected."



Sarah Crisolo
Military spouse
Husband in 1st Battalion,
5th Field Artillery

"I think they have a right to criticize. The government could have evacuated people sooner. The relief took a little while, but now the relief effort is doing pretty well. They had a right to complain the first couple of days, but now it (relief) is really good."



Master Sgt. Michael Lagueux
Public Works
67th Area Support Group
Home: Lincoln, Neb.

"I think most of the people are just happy to have us there. The papers sometimes emphasize the negative to sell papers."

Next week's question:

What do you think is the major reason for increasing divorce rates among military families?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

By William Johnson
and Chap. Carl Rosenberg

The Army has seen a dramatic increase in the number of divorces experienced by military families in recent years. Whatever the cause of this sharp rise in family problems, the Fort Riley Legal Assistance Office has seen a corresponding rise in the number of Soldiers and spouses seeking divorce and separation counseling.

A common saying of people entering the Legal Assistance Office in search of a painless and cost effective divorce is, "I know that JAG doesn't do divorces but..." This is essentially true. In fact, no one "does" divorces.

A divorce is a process in which a couple separates their lives in a way that is supposed to be fair to all parties involved. The parties involved may include many more people than the husband and wife. Children and creditors may be involved as well.

What the Legal Assistance Office offers in regard to divorce is counseling on the basic process of a divorce, information on some specific issues regarding Kansas divorces and a referral list for attorneys in the local area.

The Legal Assistance Office also prepares Separation Agreements for couples who are not immediately seeking a divorce but want to divide their property, provide for the division of debts and ensure the proper care of their children through a written agreement.

The value of a separation agreement is dependent upon the specific facts in a relationship. In most cases, attorneys at Fort Riley's Legal Assistance Office will try to talk you out of executing a separation agreement. The reason for this is not that they do not want to do the agreement for you. There are many factors that counsel against a separation agreement.

Kansas does not stipulate a mandatory separation period as many states do; so, if divorce is imminent, there is no need for a separation agreement. The more important factor in determining whether you should attempt to enter into a separation agreement is the ability

of you and your spouse to agree on the division of property, allocation of debts and custody of the children.

This is the "Catch 22" of a separation agreement. A couple that can agree on these things probably does not need the agreement in writing, but the couple that needs to protect their interests in a written document is never going to be able to agree on the details of that agreement. In fact, a separation agreement can become just another battleground for the underlying marital disputes.

The monetary and emotional costs for a divorce increase exponentially with the level of disagreement between the spouses. Many people seeking a divorce are not interested in seeking marital counseling because they believe that there is no salvageable aspect of the marriage. However, properly focused and directed marital and individual counseling can be essential to reducing the costs of a divorce.

Fort Riley has much to offer in the area of marital counseling. The counseling does not necessarily have to focus on saving the marriage but can be a very cost effective measure to ensure that both dignity and financial well-being are maintained through a divorce process.

Divorce is never cheap or painless. Things that couples agree they will sort out together during the controlled separation are recorded. The couples are then coached through a process

The Fort Riley Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center offers couples who are beginning separation or divorce an alternative to what often turns into an adversarial process. There are huge costs to divorce in finance, emotion and sometimes physical detriments. Studies show that children who grow up with divorced parents are at higher risks for emotional, physical and behavioral ailments.

The Diocese of Chicago has developed a protocol called a controlled separation. A controlled separation is meant to be a limited time agreement between couples. During the agreed upon time frame, usually three to six months, couples have an opportunity to sort through financial, emotional and spiritual decisions.

Pen Points

Dennis got it right

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

I'm old school. I seldom can get through the day without at least glancing through a newspaper. I'm not one for gluing my eyes to the television set for hours to watch breaking world news break over and over and ... well, you get the point.

As a newspaper editor, you might think that I'd concentrate on the hard news of the day, and I do spend my initial perusal of each edition scanning the photos and headlines to see what might

tempt my interest.

But, I have to admit that I never skip the comics. So many times they hit home with a thought that shakes my foundation and brings sparks of realization with a chuckle.

Such was the case Sept 12. Dennis the Menace was writing the alphabet on the classroom chalk board. "A, B, C, H, P, Z, D, Q, ..." His response to his teacher's obvious criticism was: "As long as I know my ABCs, why does it matter what order they're in?"

I can't argue with that.

Marriage survival

Resources available to help families

Without conscious care, one party may make decisions that are unnecessarily detrimental to one or both parties. If there are children involved, separation or divorce is a chaotic time for them. A controlled separation can help minimize the negative effects of conflictual separation on family.

The counselors at the Family Life Ministries Center work at nurturing healthy family relationships. We recognize that some marriage relationships are so dead there is nothing humanly possible to resurrect them.

It takes two people to make a marriage relationship work. It only takes one to end it. The one who decides on divorce may be the one to take responsibility for what is already reality. Taking responsibility for one's decisions is usually better than living with bitterness and resentment.

We at the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center see divorce as a last resort. When a person decides to end their marriage relationship, there is help available for all family members to deal with the loss and sort through the development of a new identity.

In establishing a controlled separation, a counselor will ask both parties to agree not to date other people nor seek out legal representation until an agreed upon time. Things that couples agree they will sort out together during the controlled separation are recorded. The couples are then coached through a process

to help them negotiate with each other.

Couples make appointments with each other to address one or two issues at a time. Certain issues can only be addressed during those appointed times. If their negotiation sessions are not productive for both parties, they bring those issues to a counseling session with a neutral third party. As the agreed time limit, usually three to six months, draws to the end, couples are coached to renegotiate their couple agreement and continue to have opportunity to address their own issues in counseling.

The counselors at the Fort Riley Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center are unit chaplains seeking supervision in advanced pastoral counseling and marriage and family therapy interns from Kansas State University. All counseling at the center is supervised following the highest professional ethical guidelines.

The Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center does not promote divorce but stands ready to minister to people seeking assistance at difficult times in their lives. To use the services of the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center, contact your unit chaplain or call 239-3436.

Chap. William Johnson serves with the Fort Riley Staff Judge Advocate's Office. Chap. (Maj.) Carl Rosenberg serves with the Family Life Ministries Center.

Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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Soldiers, mule team win state fair ribbons

By Deb Skidmore
Media Relations Officer

Blue ribbons and the state fair go hand in hand, and this year was no exception.

For the first time in Fort Riley history, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard's mule team took honors at the Kansas State Fair Sept. 10 in Hutchinson.

Entered in three wagon competitions, the mule skinner team of Spc. Nathan Haines and Spc. Nicholas Jacobson took two first-place ribbons and a second-place ribbon.

"This was the first time this team has ever been in a competi-

tion in an arena," said Ron Roller, CGMCG equine trainer. He added that the mule team of Reckless and Rampage are a young 3-year-old team, and the Soldiers have had less than 20 hours of driving experience with this wagon and mule team.

The first event, Roller said, was an authenticity competition. He said judges looked at the wagons, hitching and harness used on the teams.

Fort Riley took first place. Roller said the second competition was a timed obstacle course. Again, Fort Riley took first place.

The final competition was a pulling contest for the teams, Roller said. A sled piled with hay

bales had to be moved in a timed event.

Fort Riley lost the blue ribbon by one second, taking second place.

"I've never worked with mules until I came to the color guard," said Jacobson, an engineer assigned to the color guard. A native of Cedar City, Utah, Jacobson served in Iraq from September 2003 to October 2004.

Haines, the driver of the team, admitted he had never driven the mules in an actual competition.

"The competition was nerve wracking," Haines said. "But there was nothing better than getting to do this."

Haines, an infantryman, said he

has served in Iraq twice and has been with the color guard only four months.

Roller said this state fair competition was "great for our Soldiers, and folks were very good to us there. The hospitality was won-

derful, even among competitors."

Fort Riley was eligible for \$410 in prize money, said Capt. Cayla Slusher, commander of the CGMCG. However, Army regulations prevented the unit from accepting the prize winnings.

State Fair officials and the Kansas Draft and Mule Association chose to donate the prize money to the Wounded Soldiers Fund and Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, specifically to help horses and mules needing food and care.



Post/Skidmore

Spec. Nathan Haines and Spec. Nicholas Jacobson of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard at Fort Riley drive the mule team of Reckless and Rampage around the arena at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. The skimmers and team took two first places winnings and a second place in team competition Sept. 10.

Event highlights programs

Sex assault victims offered more assistance

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Army Community Services is scheduled to host an Open House Sept. 23 at the Soldier and Family Support Center on Custer Hill.

The event has been arranged to help create community awareness for the new Victim Advocacy Program and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program being implemented at Fort Riley and throughout the Army.

Organizers decided to schedule an open house to offer information and awareness to members of Fort Riley and surrounding communities about the new staff, new programs and expansions to the existing programs, said Barbara Gerber, Fort Riley's sexual assault

response coordinator.

"It's our mission to make sure that every civilian, family member and Soldier on Post knows about the program and if they're a victim of sexual assault that they receive the appropriate treatment," Gerber said.

Scheduled events include a meet and greet with VAP and SAPRP staff, a violence prevention and education table, and a shoe project. Organizers collected a variety of styles and sizes of used shoes to represent reported abuse cases.

Visitors will receive a shoe, each representing an actual abuse case and then can "walk in the shoes of a victim," Gerber said.

"We want people to recognize the reason that we all do this is to

help the victims; that's the biggest thing," Gerber said.

The open house will operate from 9 a.m. until noon at the SFSC. A 30-minute reception is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

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Youth hockey teams forming

Registration for youth ice hockey will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24 in Topeka. A year-round ice rink has just opened and will promote ice hockey competition for youths age 6 to 18.

The rink is located off U.S. Highway 470.

The season will run 40 practice sessions, two each week, and include 20 regular season games.

For more information about the competition and registration, send e-mail to barker-mom@sbeglobal.net or steven.notti@us.army.mil.

Sports, pool activities slated

Sept. 19 – Fitness yoga, King Field House

Sept. 19 – Cardio pump aerobics, King Field House

Sept. 20 – Weight training express, King Field House

Sept. 21 – Cardio pump aerobics, King Field House

Sept. 22 – Fitness yoga, King Field House

Sept. 22 – 1 to 3 p.m., cardio training express, King Field House

Sept. 24 – Mommy & Me, Eyster Pool

Sept. 24 – 6 to 8 p.m., family night, Eyster Pool

For more information, call 239-2813

Bowling center events posted

Sept. 16 – 11 a.m. to close, open bowling

Sept. 19-22 – Post battalion level bowling tournament

For more information, call 239-4366.

Briefings set for fit program

Briefings for Session III of the My Life Fitness Program at Fort Riley will be 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Sept. 19 and noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at King Field House.

Full-time and regular part-time appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund civilian employees in the My Life Fitness Program are authorized three work hours each week of the six-month program to participate with the goal of improving their physical fitness.

Registration and packets will be due beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 27 at King Field House. Registration will be done at the field house only and participation will be limited to the first 30 people to register.

For more information, call 239-2813 or 239-3146.

K-State rugby wants players

The Kansas State University Fort Riley Rugby Football Club is looking for new players. The team conducts practice from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the university's "Old Stadium," said Luke Amey club president.

The club has 11 matches scheduled this season, which runs from Sept. 3 to Nov. 19. Six of the matches are played in Manhattan and the rest are against teams in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

For more information on participating with the Kansas State Fort Riley Rugby Football Club, contact Amey at lia3366@ksu.edu.

Trooper volleyball teams begin play

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Strong serves led Fort Riley Middle School's D volleyball team to an opening victory this season against Manhattan Eisenhower. They beat Eisenhower in two straight games, 25-16 and 25-15, Sept. 8 at home.

"We did well on serving. Paige (Jonas) had several in a row; so did Lauren (Apodaca). We did very well for our first games," Coach Pam Ricard said.

Apodaca led the D team offense in the first game, serving for eight points. Cindy Malone, Deamber Prater and Laura Seigel

served for three points each.

Jonas served for seven points in the second win. Apodaca added three.

"It was great, awesome. Communication is the main thing we have here," Malone said.

"I think how we served was good. Also, calling 'mine.' I'm excited and think we did good," Prater said.

The D team Troopers fell in their series against Shawnee Heights, dropping both games, 25-17 and 25-13.

Tiyanna Simon and Sydnee Krueger led the D team in the first game, serving for two points each. Lureya Drew gave the Troop-

ers an early lead, scoring four points, but the Thunderbirds returned with an eight-point rally and never relinquished its lead.

The Troopers' C team met defeat in both of its home season openers Sept. 8. They fell 25-19 and 25-11 against Manhattan Eisenhower and 25-6 and 25-6 against Shawnee Heights.

Seven of the nine C team Troopers played in their first competitive volleyball game Sept. 8, said Coach Terry Heina.

"Our first game jitters are over," Heina told the team later. "If we win or lose, as long as we're improving, that's what

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Timbrelle Hendricks of Fort Riley's C team bumps a Manhattan Eisenhower-served ball during their home opener Sept. 8 while fellow team-mates look on. Post/Blackmon

Angler time

Soldiers fish with pros

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

About 45 Fort Riley Soldiers wet a line Sept. 13 with professional walleye anglers set to compete in a tournament at Milford Lake Sept. 16-18.

The 52 fishing pros pulled their boats to Custer Hill and parked them at the Eyster Swimming Pool and Main Post Exchange parking lots for everyone to see while they were paired with Soldiers for some free fishing and angling education.

Picked for the day on the water were Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry; 924th Military Police Battalion; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized); Rear Detachment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team; 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor; and Detachment F, 15th Finance.

Unit leaders picked the Soldiers who got to spend the half day fishing with the pros, said Maj. Deborah Wright, Installation Management Agency liaison for Fort Riley's Garrison Command. Wright helped coordinate the military event scheduled as one of the activities planned during the week preceding the three-day tournament.

The Mercury Marine Championship is part of the Professional Walleye Trail competition. Organizers like to include some military event at tournaments when they can, said Jim Kalkofen of In-Fisherman, the organization that sponsors the professional walleye trail.

Military involvement has not been done on as large a scale anywhere else, Kalkofen said, but the proximity of Fort Riley to Milford Lake offered an ideal opportunity to include Soldiers in the week's events.

All of the Soldiers meeting the fishing pros Sept. 13 appeared happy about spending some time on the lake and perhaps getting a chance to pick up some tips about how to catch the big ones.

Spec. John Jayme of Company D, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, teamed with Canadian angler John Butts. Butts had been to Geary County recently to scout Milford Lake and perhaps get an idea where the big walleyes might be swimming.

For Jayme, the Tuesday afternoon would be his first time fishing, he said. He hails

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Maj. Dana Stowell, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor rear detachment commander, talks with Dave Van Oss with Team Tracker about fishing. Stowell was paired with Van Oss Sept. 13 and the two spent the afternoon fishing for Walleye in Milford Lake.

Post/Skidmore

Annual Wildcat run slated

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN – The eighth annual Wildcat Run sponsored by the Kansas State University at Salina Student Governing Association will be Sept. 24.

"The Wildcat Run is a tradition for our students and campus to make a difference in the local community," said Shana Meyer, assistant director of college advancement for student life. "It's a great chance for K-Staters and any athletes to support the local community."

The event includes a five-kilometer run and a two-mile walk.

Registration is \$12 per person in advance or \$15 on the day of the race. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and race number donated by the governing association.

The race route will be downtown with registration at 7 a.m. at Fifth and Ash streets, west of the post office. The race begins at 8 a.m.

Awards will be presented to top male and female participants, according to age bracket.

In case of inclement weather, the race time or date may be delayed; any such decision will be announced on KSAL radio, 1150 AM.

For more information or to request a reservation form, call Meyer at (785) 826-2610, the K-State at Salina Student Governing Association community service chair at (785) 826-2621 or go to www.sal.k-state.edu on the Web.

If you go:

What: Wildcat Run

Where: KSU Salina campus

When: Sept. 24

Time: Race begins 8 a.m.

Cost: \$12 in advance, \$15 day of race.

Big brown bats make Fort Riley their homestead

By Gibran Suleiman
DES Biologist



Gibran Suleiman

Although rarely seen, bats are common on Fort Riley. The two most common species are the big brown bat and the little brown myotis.

Small colonies of bats can be found in many buildings on Fort Riley. They seek out dark places, such as attics.

They enter through openings, such as vents, and find a place to roost and sleep through the day. They will exit the building every evening during

warm months and spend the night catching and consuming insects.

Having bats living in close proximity with humans has positive and negative aspects. The good side is that bats play an important role keeping down the number of insects. Big brown bats can consume up to 600 mosquitoes in a single hour. When multiplied by thousands of bats, they become extremely useful in limiting

the number of cases of mosquito-borne diseases, such as West Nile virus.

Bats also consume a variety of insects considered pests to farmers and foresters. These insects cause billions of dollars in damage annually.

However, there are some health concerns with having bats living near people. The most common concern with bats is the threat of rabies. Like

all mammals, bats can transmit rabies, a viral infection of the central nervous system. The disease is almost always spread from the rabid animal's saliva during a bite. This is why it is extremely important not to handle bats unless you're qualified and are wearing the proper equipment.

Overall, bats are responsible for a small fraction of human rabies cases. Pets are responsible for the majority of human cases.

Another health concern is histio-

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Sports news in brief

Golf course sells equipment

The Custer Hill Golf Course is selling golf equipment through Sept. 25. Equipment includes Cobra drivers, fairway woods, golf bags and shoes.

Operating hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 784-6000.

Rec center hours change

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center changed its operating hours Sept. 11. New hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The center will close Sunday and Monday.

Weekend rental rates will be for Saturday through Tuesday. For more information, call Carol Alexander at the center, 239-2363.

Fitness centers post age policy

A recently revised age policy is in effect for the fitness centers on post. Children 12 years old and younger are not authorized to use any mechanical, strength or cardio equipment, saunas or steam room. Eligible youth who are 15 and younger must be participating in the same activity and under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. This policy includes the use of basketball and racquetball courts.

Children age 12 and younger are not permitted into the free weight or cardio areas while a parent or guardian works out.

Rec offers shooting aid

The Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 9011 on Rifle Range Road, offers a Laser Shot Shooting Simulation System to help hunters improve their shooting. The system can be used for a rental fee of \$5 per person per hour or a group rate of \$15 per half hour or \$25 per hour.

Outdoor Rec is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 239-2363.

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Professional walleye angler John Butts talks with Spec. John Jayne of Co. D, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, about fishing. The New Jersey native spent Sept. 13 fishing with the pro. Post/Herionemus

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Championships

Where: Launch from Milford State Park Rush Creek Boat Ramp

When: 7 a.m. Sept. 16-18

When: 4:30 p.m. at South Boat Ramp Sept. 16-18

(Anglers drive through festival tent with catch after weigh-in for spectators to see.)

Admission: Free (except day pass required if driving vehicle into state park)

Parking: Free parking available outside state park with shuttle bus transportation to event site at South Boat Ramp.

from New Jersey and admitted to being a complete fishing novice. So, Butts pulled out a rod and started showing Jayne how to handle it even before they pulled out of the PX parking lot.

First Sgt. Hans Kwoka of Company D, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, claimed to have some fishing experience, but he also admitted his skill was limited. His pro partner was Ross Grothe of Northfield, Minn.

Grothe was the top-ranked West Division pro in 2003 and has won money in 10 of the last 14 tournaments he entered.

He expressed some confidence that he could teach Kwoka something about catching walleye in Milford Lake.

Another pro, Troy Walwood of Grand Haven, Mich., and a fellow angler have been scouting Milford Lake and caught 100 fish in one day, but they weren't all walleyes.

"There are a lot of other fish in the lake: wipers, bass, crappie and lots of catfish," he explained.

That means a lot of fish are competing for the bait, coupled with the possibility the walleye aren't hungry, he said.

"The hatchling shad are about two inches long right now, and they are favorite food for walleye," Walwood said.

"It's kind of like me sitting down at a buffet and being able to eat all the shrimp I want. If I can do that, why would I want to eat anything else?" he explained.

Milford Lake to host youth fishing clinic, derby at park

By Cynthia Dierks
Park Ranger

The 17th annual Milford Lake Kids' Fishing Clinic and Derby will be held Sept. 24 at Outlet Park, Shelter No. 11, which is located below the Milford Dam. Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the shelter. The clinic will begin at 10 a.m. The fishing derby will run from 11 a.m. to noon.

The kid's fishing clinic and derby is free of charge and open to the first 100 children who pre-register and are 6 to 12 years old. An adult must accompany children 6 to 7 years old. Children may be pre-registered by calling the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office at 238-5714.

Children who have their own fishing equipment are asked to bring it along. There will be a limited number of "free" loaner poles for children who do not have their own equipment.

Free bait (worms) will be provided by T & H General Store for the derby. Attendance at the clinic is mandatory to be eligible for the free bait and any prizes from this event.

Concurrent with the fishing derby the Geary County Fish and Game Association will be offering a casting contest to all participants. Trophies will be awarded to winners of the casting contest.

The clinic/derby/casting contest is being held in conjunction with National Hunting and Fishing Day. This year marks the 34th anniversary of National Hunting and Fishing Day, which is always observed the fourth Saturday in September of each year.

For more info:

For more information on the fishing clinic, call 238-5714 or 238-5323

Celebrations will be taking place across the nation. For more information about National Hunting & Fishing Day visit www.nhf-day.org.

This event is sponsored by the Milford Nature Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Milford Lake Association, Geary County Fish and Game Association and T & H General Store.

Kansas center of walleye world during fishing championship

By Beverly Hurley
Kansas Travel and Tourism

All eyes are on Milford Lake as the best walleye anglers in North America invade Kansas for the Mercury Championship Sept. 16-18. The pro anglers have been competing on the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail all season, with only the top 52 qualifiers invited to Junction City and a share of the \$400,000 purse.

The pros will be investigating the reservoir from top to bottom to find a winning pattern. They will encounter giant wipers, white bass, smallmouth bass, catfish, crappies and other species swimming with the walleyes.

A huge Boat and Tackle Sport Show will run in conjunction with the festivities at Milford State Park. Industry leaders will showcase and explain their latest tackle, boats and outboards under one roof. The adjacent facility erected at Milford State Park will be home to cheering fans at the daily celebration and light show when pros bring their catches indoors to the scales.

Activities inside the festival tent kick-off at 4 p.m. daily Sept. 16-18. The Sport Show opens at 10 a.m. Sept. 17 and 18. Admission is free.

For those who drive into the state park, a fee will be required, although parking will be available outside the park with free shuttle buses running to the site.

To qualify for the elite Mercury Championship, pros must have been among the top 30 of those who fished all six tournaments. Or, they must have finished in the top 10 places in either of the MotorGuide East or West divisions.

Glorivgen and all competitors will be open and available to fans during several special events.

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plasmosis. Histoplasmosis is a respiratory disease caused by a fungus. The majority of cases do not result in any serious symptoms, but a small percent of people infected do become seriously ill. The fungus can thrive in warm moist areas with large quantities of bat droppings. These conditions can be found in many caves with bat colonies present. Anyone removing or cleaning bat droppings should wear a properly fitted respirator.

Throughout main post, the Conservation Division and Eagle Scouts have put up more than 35 bat houses in recent years. The purpose of these structures is to encourage bats to avoid roosting in buildings and to provide bats that have been excluded from buildings a suitable place to roost.

Although bats on Fort Riley frequently spend their days in human-made structures, they also use trees, rock structures and piles of wood to roost.

Big brown bats found on Fort Riley have breeding habits that are very different from other small mammals, such as mice. Copulation occurs sometime between September and March. The female actually stores the male's sperm until she awakes from hibernation. At that time, fertilization occurs. Pregnancy is rather lengthy - 60 days.

Females typically give birth to one bat per year. The young are kept with other young in maternity colonies. Individuals live up to 19 years.

The two largest causes of mortality for bats are insufficient energy stored for hibernation and predation. Typical predators are house cats, various birds and rats.

Many Army bases in the southeastern United States have faced challenges because of the presence of an endangered bat, the Indiana gray bat. This bat is found primarily in Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky and Alabama. It has been found in the southeastern corner of Kansas, but it has not been documented near Fort Riley. Likewise, there has never been any species of federal or state listed bat found on Fort Riley.

Anyone experiencing problems with bats in housing should call the housing service order desk. For bat problems in all other buildings on post, call the public works service order desk.

Anyone wanting more information on bats can call the Conservation Division's animal damage control specialist.

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Sports news in brief

Firearms range open Sept. 25

Fort Riley's Range 9 for privately owned firearms is open for use on weekends by authorized patrons.

Confirmed open date is Sept. 25, weather permitting. The range may be open other days or those confirmed dates may change. Anyone wanting to use the range should first check with Outdoor Rec at 239-2249 to confirm the range is open.

The range is usually open despite inclement weather. If the range is to be closed because of severe weather or extreme cold or heat, the range officer scheduled for duty will notify Range Control and Outdoor Recreation.

Military police man the gate to the range area and inspect for range pass and that all weapons have the proper Provost Marshal's Office registrations. The vehicle pass for the range can be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Firearms owners also can register weapons at the Outdoor Rec Center, although it is recommended owners take a list of their weapons and serial numbers they wish to shoot at Range 9 to the PMO's Physical Security Office. Staff in that office will issue the proper paper work once the process is completed.

All users of the POF Range must possess a valid Department of Defense ID card and a Fort Riley weapons registration form for their firearms. All users of the POF range must have a valid POV pass before driving north of Vinton School Road.

All shooters must bring their own hearing protection. No water is available at Range 9. Target stands and targets are available at no charge at Range 9.

Middle school games posted

Sept. 20 – A and B volleyball at Manhattan Eisenhower, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 20 – Seventh-grade football at Clay Center, 4 p.m.

Sept. 22 – Seventh-grade football versus Chapman, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 22 – A and B volleyball at Junction City, 3:45 p.m.

Sept. 22 – Eighth-grade football versus Chapman, 5:15 p.m.

Sept. 24 – A team volleyball at Solomon, 8 a.m.

K-State home games slated

Sept. 17 – Volleyball versus Texas Tech, 7 p.m.

Sept. 21 – Volleyball versus South Dakota State, 6 p.m.

Sept. 24 – Football versus North Texas, 1:10 p.m.

Sept. 28 – Volleyball versus Texas, 7 p.m.

For ticket information, call 1-800-221-CATS.

Blue Jays set home games

Sept. 16 – Junction City High School varsity football versus Topeka West, 7 p.m.

Sept. 20 – Freshmen (A) volleyball quad, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 21 – JV girls tennis tournament, 3 p.m.

Sept. 22 – Freshmen (A) volleyball quad, 5 p.m.

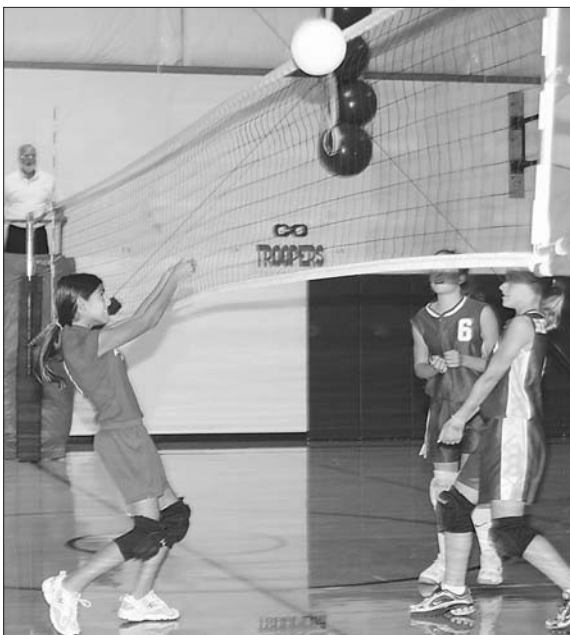
Sept. 23 – Varsity football versus Washburn Rural, 7 p.m.

Lanes feature extreme bowling

Extreme bowling - bowling under strobe lights - is offered at discounts for families and individual soldiers using Custer Hill Lanes on post.

Families and Soldiers can bowl in the extreme conditions from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sundays for \$15 per lane. They can rent bowling shoes for \$1.

For more information, call 239-4366.



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Amanda Hernandez of Fort Riley's D team tries to save a ball off the net against Shawnee Heights Sept. 8 at home.

Volleyball

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we're after."

The team needs to work on several things to improve for future games, Heina said.

"We need to work together ... Focus on calling the ball. I want to see bump-set-hit. Hustle for the ball," he told the team following their games.

Gabriella Gadson served for two points in the first game against Manhattan. Kiara Ocasio served for two points in the second game.

Against Shawnee Heights, matches against Chapman, 25-17,

Tornequa McDonald served for one point in the first game.

In other Trooper volleyball games:

The C and D teams traveled to Wamego for a tournament Sept. 10. Wamego defeated the C team 25-18, 27-25 and 25-19. Chapman also defeated the Troopers C team 25-23, 25-6 and 25-22.

The D team won its three matches against Chapman, 25-17,

25-23 and 25-12. They won one against Wamego, 25-11, but dropped the other two, 25-20 and 25-22.

The A and B teams traveled to Abilene Sept. 8. The A team lost both of its games, 25-14 and 25-7. The B team won its two matches, 25-22 and 25-22. A third Trooper team was created to play Abilene. It won both of its matches, 25-17 and 25-20.

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Sgt. Johnathan Holsley, left, and Spc. Jerrod Fields pose with the Army-sponsored NASCAR racecar at the Sept. 7 NASCAR tribute for patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Racers visit injured troops

NASCAR pays tribute to wounded

By Steven Donald Smith
AFPS

WASHINGTON — With the late afternoon sun glistening off polished car hoods and new prosthetic limbs, wounded troops recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center gathered peek at a row of NASCAR racecars parked in front of the hospital's Mologne House hotel.

The cars were lined up at Walter Reed on Sept. 7 as part of a daylong NASCAR tribute to American servicemembers, many who sacrificed body parts in service to their country. Several NASCAR drivers and executives were on hand to show just how much they appreciated this sacrifice.

"They defend everything we believe in. It's very important that the troops know that all Americans support them. And although their job may be difficult, they've got a lot of people behind them," driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. said.

Throughout the day, the drivers and executives visited wounded troops in the hospital wards and hosted a dinner and evening of entertainment for servicemembers and their families.

"We live in a great country, and one reason is because of the armed forces," driver Terry Labonte said. "It is nice for us to be able to come here and in a very small way say thank you."

Joe Nemechek, driver of the U.S. Army No. 01 car, echoed this sentiment. "All the men and women in uniform who serve this country give us our freedom, and we shouldn't take that freedom for granted," he said.

Army Staff Sgt. Justin Shellhammer, 26, who lost his left leg when he stepped on a land mine in Afghanistan on April 5, returned the appreciation. "It's awesome that the NASCAR guys have come out to support the men and women who got hurt. The support is important because it shows that what we're doing is not going unnoticed," he said.

Army Staff Sgt. Troy Barns said the NASCAR visit was a good way to lift the "spirits of the guys in the hospital."

The drivers attending the dinner at the Karen Wagner Sports Center on the Walter Reed campus included Labonte, Justin Labonte, Earnhardt, Nemechek, Jamie McMurray, Travis Kvapil, Martin Truex Jr., Ashton Lewis Jr., Carl Edwards and Jon Wood.

NASCAR executives in attendance were Brian France, NASCAR chairman and chief executive officer; Mike Helton, NASCAR president; Bill France Jr., NASCAR vice chairman; and Jim Hunter, NASCAR's vice president of corporate communications.

Hunter served as the emcee for the evening's event and thanked Kim Labonte, wife of Terry, for introducing NASCAR to Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, and the "America Supports You" program.

Army wife, NASCAR fan writes regular column

By William Thurmond
Army News Service

RICHMOND, Va. — As the popularity of NASCAR continues to explode, one Army wife and fan has decided to share her racing passion with the world.

Carolyn Brewster has been a regular columnist for NASCAR Scene magazine for the past three years, writing her column "Confessions of a NASCAR Fan" for more than 130,000 weekly readers.

"My husband (Army Maj. Wayne Brewster) and I were subscribers, and I thought I could contribute something fun and light-hearted," she said.

"The feedback from fans has been great. A lot of people can relate to what I have to say because I'm not an insider. I write from the fan's perspective."

"I think part of my column's appeal is the fact that I'm a military wife and so many military folks are also NASCAR fans. I think it also helps that I'm a woman, partly due to the fact that NASCAR is the fastest growing sport among women," Brewster said.

Brewster has followed stock car racing for the past five years. She

credits her husband for drawing her to the sport when they were assigned to Fort Benning, Ga.

Her favorite drivers are the Army's "Front Row" — Joe Nemechek and Dale Jarrett. She dislikes several others who can remain nameless.

Currently assigned to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Brewster flew across three time zones to catch the final race to the chase.

"We've been to races in Kansas and Atlanta, but we always wanted to go to a night race, and I knew that this Richmond race was potentially the most exciting."

Her husband, an operations officer with the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, was unable to make the trip with her.

He's with his unit in northern Iraq. He's been gone over a month. "I worry about his safety, but I know he's well-trained," Brewster said.

Brewster's husband is not the only family member she has overseas. A brother and brother-in-law are in Afghanistan.

Despite the distance, the Brewsters keep in touch with the help of the internet.

"We communicated almost daily via e-mail when he was in

Kuwait. But he's been really busy since he arrived in Iraq, so he's only been able to send a couple of notes."

Brewster intends to absorb as much as possible of the weekend's Richmond International Raceway atmosphere so she can share it with her Soldier.

"I'm going to send him lots of pictures and write to him about the whole race experience. I've been shopping the souvenir haulers to buy him some Matt Kenseth (his favorite driver) merchandise."

Brewster said that her husband expects to be able to watch the Saturday night race on the Armed Forces Network in Iraq. Of course, it'll be about sunrise Sunday morning in Mosul when the green flag drops.

With redeployment set to occur in about a year, you can imagine that NASCAR figures into their reunion plans.

"We want to go to a race in Las Vegas, and maybe another night race in Bristol."

As to the immediate future, Brewster intends to continue her writing about racing, especially now.

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West Point crew to compete

Team to attend Frostbite Regatta in Wichita

Dianna Mathews
West Point Parents Club

Thirteen cadets from the West Point Army men's crew team have been invited to attend the Frostbite Regatta in Wichita, Kan., Nov. 6.

The race will be held on the Little Arkansas River near the downtown area. Races begin at 8 a.m. and will finish by 4 p.m.

West Point will be competing in the varsity four-man and varsity eight-man events. For an up-to-

date listing of the scheduled races, go to www.wichitarowing.org and click on Frostbite Regatta and schedule of events.

The Frostbite Regatta is sponsored by Wichita State University and the Wichita Rowing Association.

Teams around the Midwest will compete. Schools that have participated in the past include University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Wichita State University, University of Colorado and University of Oklahoma.

The race is slated to begin near

the 11th Street bridge and finish near the tennis courts in Riverside Park.

The West Point Society of Greater Wichita and the West Point Parents Club of Wichita and Kansas City will have a covered canopy located near the finish line (near the tennis courts).

All Army personnel and supporters are invited to attend and support the Army crew team.

Those attending should bring folding chairs or blankets and food. Binoculars may also be helpful in enjoying this sport.



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Post yard sale scheduled

The post-wide yard sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17. The sale is open to the public, who will have to enter the post at Trooper Drive, 12th Street off Kansas Highway 18 or Ogden access points.

Anyone driving a vehicle without a Department of Defense registration sticker will have to provide a current vehicle registration, insurance card and photo IDs of all adult occupants in the vehicle.

Society to sell apple pies

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is currently accepting pre-sale order forms for homemade apple pies. The frozen and unbaked pies are being sold for \$7 a pie.

Pre-sale order forms must be submitted by 5 p.m., Sept. 21. Pre-sold pies will be available for pick-up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 30 at Building 7856.

For more information or an order form, e-mail has-frevents@hotmail.com.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, call Crystal Cavalier at 784-8376 or e-mail criscavalier@hotmail.com.

Unit schedules bake sale

Detachment 1, 6025th Garrison Support Unit, will hold a bake sale Sept. 17 at the Fort Riley Commissary from 8 a.m. until the goodies are gone.

Proceeds will go to the unit's Family Support Group to fund the unit's holiday party.

Council to meet at Riley's Center

The next Community Action Council meeting will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at Riley's Conference Center. For more information, call 784-1000.

Rally Point sponsors fun

Sept. 16 and 23 – 5 to 8 p.m., Family Night and buffet, followed by dance music until close

Sept. 17-18 and 24-25 – Midnight to 4 a.m., late night Hip Hop

Sept. 18 – WWE pay-per-view: Unforgotten

Sept. 21 – 5 to 8 p.m., Wing Night, followed by dance music until close

Sept. 22 – 8 p.m. to close, dance music

For more information, call 784-5434.

CYS offers training, care

Sept. 17 – Red Cross babysitting course

Sept. 17 – Home Alone training for children

Sept. 24 – Free child care for families of deployed Soldiers

For more information, call 239-9173.

Auto repair class slated

An advanced automotive repairs class will be offered at the Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center on Custer Hill from 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 22.

For more information, call 239-9764.

Spouse spearheads Katrina drive

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A need to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina led a Fort Riley military spouse to spearhead a drive to collect toys, hygiene items and children's clothing from residents on post.

"I don't have any money to help, but my kids and I wanted to do something," said Krystal Rusch. When she mentioned her idea of a charity drive to Jefferson Elementary School Principal John Fields, Fields offered encour-

agement.

He liked the idea of getting the students to help, Rusch said. "It will help the kids understand what it's like to give," she said.

Rusch went to other schools on post and has received similar support for her idea. Children and residents can bring donated items to any elementary school on post now through Sept. 23, she said. Hygiene items of any sort are really needed, she added.

Books, shoes, bedding and school supplies also are needed, she said.

She and a friend will organize the collection effort at a 1 p.m. meeting Sept. 17 at Jefferson Elementary School. She hopes to have some people volunteer to haul the collected items to Topeka Salvation Army office when the drive is completed.

Rusch already has distributed flyers announcing the clothing and toy drive, and after two days she has received enough items to fill a large storage shed, she said Sept. 13.

"We're working through the Salvation Army in Topeka," Rusch explained. "They will distribute

the donated items first to hurricane victims in Kansas," she said.

About 500 evacuees from Louisiana were expected to arrive in Kansas at the Wichita airport beginning Sept. 12, but that evacuation was cancelled, as were similar evacuations to Missouri and Nevada, reported Joy D. Moser, spokeswoman for the Kansas National Guard.

Officials said the change came about because the evacuees had decided to stay and rebuild rather than relocate, Moser reported.

About 800 people are known to

have self-evacuated to Kansas through unofficial channels. Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has promised that the evacuees would receive support in the state, Moser reported.

Geary County residents have taken in at least 80 evacuees, mostly family members and friends, according to reports by local American Red Cross officials in the county.

For more information about the Fort Riley collection drive, call Rusch at 784-7338 or Jana Mitchell at 717-2966.

Top teacher



Fourth-grade teacher Lisa Akard and her students sing their pre-test chant for René Islas of the U.S. Dept. of Education Sept. 7 at Ware Elementary School.

Ware's Lisa Akard wins national award

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

"I am smart!"
"I am confident!"
"I'm gonna pass this test!"
"Yeah!"

Fourth-graders at Ware Elementary School use this chant to psych themselves up before a test. It may be one of several changes made over the past several years that is improving student test scores.

In 1999, only 44 percent of fourth-grade students at the school were scoring proficient on state math testing, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Two years later, Lisa Akard was hired as fourth-grade teacher at Ware Elementary. She took it on as her special mission to assist her students in the learning process. She embraced research-based instructional strategies and incorporated collaboration techniques in her team of five fourth-grade

teachers.

This year, 100 percent of fourth-graders scored proficient or above in math and more than 80 percent are reading at grade level, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

For her contributions in increasing those numbers, Akard was recognized Sept. 7 by the U.S. Department of Education. She was one of 51 teachers across all grade levels and disciplines honored this fall as American Stars of Teaching.

"This is the most overwhelming, honorable thing to happen to me. I was almost speechless, but not quite," Akard said about her award. "I just love teaching. It's a passion that's come across to my students. I want to help them become the best they can be."

Ware Elementary is a high poverty school (85 percent) with a high mobility rate (50 percent) and a large population of special education and English Language Learner students. Some 85 percent of stu-

dents have at least one parent deployed.

"She's taken students many would've given up on. She's beat the odds," said U.S. Department of Education's René Islas, chief of staff to Assistant Secretary Henry Johnson in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. "These are amazing achievements by the students and amazing results the teachers have gotten."

More than 2,000 teachers were nominated for the honor. A committee of former teachers at the U.S. Department of Education selected the American Stars based on their success on improving academic performance for all their students.

"Lisa Akard represents those professionals who see teaching as a calling, not a job," said U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. "'No Child Left Behind' is working. The data shows we are closing the achievement gap and seeing results. Teachers are an integral part of that success, and we salute them for their hard work and commitment to education."

Marriage and Military Life

Ways to prepare for marriage while deployed

By Gen-Thomas Gomulka
Retired Navy Chaplain

Dear Gene-Thomas,
My fiancée and I are getting married as soon as I return from Iraq. My battalion chaplain said he would be happy to counsel us as soon as we return, but my fiancée will never be visiting me at our base before the wedding back home.

How can we prepare for our marriage even though we're thousands of miles apart?

— Rod

About the author

Gene-Thomas Gomulka is a retired Navy chaplain.

Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaineet.net



Dear Rod,
Let me congratulate you on recognizing that marriage is more about sharing an intimate married

life together than simply a wedding ceremony and reception. It is for this reason that engaged couples are reminded that "A wed-

ding is a day – A marriage is a lifetime."

Unfortunately, too many couples spend most of their time preparing for their wedding day and not their married lives together. What good are expensive wedding photos, a stunning wedding dress and an elegant reception complete with gourmet food and an awesome band, only to be divorced two or three years later?

There are a considerable number of deployed personnel like yourself who plan on marrying once they return from their

deployments.

While your chaplain can provide you with some helpful information while you are deployed and a civilian clergy person can help your fiancée address a number of very important topics (communication, conflict resolution, finances, sexuality, children), what you and your fiancée really need to examine is how you relate as a couple to these particular issues.

For example, when do you want children and how large a

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Crafts center classes posted

Sept. 17 – 3-D building in glass class
Sept. 18 – 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrap booking
Sept. 19 – Wood safety class
Sept. 19, 20 – Beginning sewing class
Sept. 19 – Crochet, knitting and cross-stitch class
Sept. 20 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ceramic mold pouring
Sept. 20 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class project (build a student desk)
Sept. 21 – Noon to 1 p.m., Make It-Take It class
For more information, call 239-9205.

Women to meet to discuss book

Renee Teetsel will host a weekly session from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays for women seeking spiritual answers to difficult situations. The group will meet at Teetsel's home at 26 Arnold Ave. on post to discuss the book "Answering the Big Questions About God."
Participants should make

their own child care arrangements.
For more information, call Teetsel at 784-4480 or send e-mail to teetsel@charter.net.

Library opens pages on fun

Saturday story times at the Post Library, Building 5306, will now be offered at 1:30 p.m. and at 4 p.m., due to increasing attendance. All children and their caregivers are welcome to attend either session.
Learn "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs" on Sept. 17. The much-misunderstood Big Bad Wolf gets to tell his side of the story, and he claims he was framed.
Listeners can empathize with Pinkerton Pig, who always thinks of himself first in "Me First" on Sept. 24. But when Pinkerton thinks he's first in line for a sandwich, he gets stuck instead with a "Sandwich," who is just as selfish as he is.
The Fort Riley Library is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The library is closed on Mondays.
For more information, call 239-5305.

Czech citizens visit Fort Riley

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Hopes of beginning a sister city relationship with Manhattan, Kan., brought 12 Czech citizens to Fort Riley Sept. 6 to tour the post where their country's "liberator" had served.
They consider General (George S.) Patton to be the liberator of Czechoslovakia during World War II, explained Manhattan Mayor Ed Klimek.
"We wanted to show them Fort Riley and help them understand our military but also our history," Klimek said, "because Fort Riley is so much engrained in the history of our area."
Fort Riley was one of the last stops the visiting delegation made during their five-day visit. They visited the Custer House, U.S. Cavalry Museum and other post attractions. The visitors appreciated the chance to visit the historic post because of the knowledge of the U.S. Army's history, Klimek said.
The citizens of the Czech Republic have a song written about Gen. (Armstrong) Custer, and a highlight of their tour was a visit with members and horses of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, he said.



Michael Panek, mayor of Dobrichovice, Czech Republic, presented Col. Lee Staab, assistant division commander for support, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, with the flag and emblem of his native country Sept. 6.

The mayor and 11 citizens of Dobrichovice arrived in Manhattan Sept. 2. The group stayed with three Manhattan families during their visit in the city and surrounding communities.
"Once our visits are finished, then we will actually have the exchanges; and that's what the sister city relationship is all about, exchanging cultures and ideas,"

Klimek said.
The visitors also attended a Kansas State University football game and toured the Konza Prairie and a local farm.
"They spent several days with us. We've shown them everything in the whole area, I think," Klimek said.
The sister city agreement idea between Manhattan and Dobri-

chovice grew with the help of Joe Barton-Dobenin, a former KSU professor, Klimek said. Barton-Dobenin visits the Czech Republic frequently and offered to help find a city to form a sister city agreement with Manhattan.
"He did all the leg work for us and, as it turned out, it's going to be a very good exchange," Klimek said.

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Catholic initiation classes available

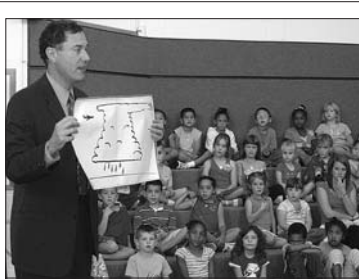
The post's Catholic community is beginning its Rite of Christian Initiation classes. The program is starting up for anyone interested in becoming Catholic or for Catholics and non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the faith.

Regular classes will be held Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 18 in classroom No. 8 at Morris Hill Chapel. For more information, call 239-4815.

Bible study offered

Officers' Christian Fellowship groups meet on and off-post on different days of the week for Bible study.

To find out more, contact Ben or Laura Saine at 717-2760, Dave or Felitz Velloney at 717-2820, Jess or Sarah Curry at 532-9177 or Bob or Renee Teetsel at 784-4480.



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Weather lessons

Bruce Jones, chief meteorologist for Channel 27 News, visited with Ware Elementary first-grade students Sept. 8 and spoke about the different types and shapes of tornadoes. He also showed students a video recording of the most destructive tornado in Kansas' history and a plaster mold of Kansas' largest reported hail stone.

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family would you like to have?

Are you satisfied with the manner in which you are able to resolve your differences?

Have you decided how you will divide different responsibilities, such as cooking, cleaning and paying the bills?

Does your budget include setting aside money in anticipation of the day when children will involve additional expenditures?

Premarital inventories such as Marriage and Military Life, FOCUS and Prepare are designed to help couples evaluate their strengths and weaknesses in various areas of their relationship with the goal of resolving differences and overcoming certain problematic issues.

If I were your battalion chaplain, I would provide you and your fiancée with a copy of The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military and have each of you complete the inventory in the back of the book. I would then

have you write to each other about those statements to which one or both of you answered "no" or "uncertain."

If you found that there were certain issues that you as a couple were incapable of resolving even with the help of the "reflections" found in the book, I would then suggest that you discuss these matters with a chaplain, counselor or member of the clergy before your wedding.

I had dinner one evening with three couples whose marriages I conducted. I'm pleased to report that all three of the couples were happily married with children. Before consenting to witness their

marriages, I required them to complete the premarital inventory found in The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military.

I told them at dinner that I never would have consented to marry them had they had some serious unresolved differences as a result of completing the inventory.

However, having completed the inventory that allowed them to identify and address potential weaknesses in their relationship, they were then able to strengthen their love for one another and reduce the potential for divorce and unhappiness in their relationships.

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Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Sept. 16 — Dukes of Hazard (PG-13)

Sept. 17 — The Great Raid (R)

Sept. 18 — Supercross (PG-13)

Sept. 22 — Dukes of Hazard (PG-13)

Sept. 23 — Valiant (G)
For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Salina:

What: "Beauty and the Beast." Theater production.
When: Through Oct. 7
Where: Salina Community Theatre, 303 E. Iron Ave.
Phone: (785) 827-6126
Admission charged

Bonner Springs:

What: Kansas City Renaissance Festival. Enchanting outdoor fall festival depicting 16th-century English village complete with 13 stages of entertainment, food, and costumed characters.

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends only through Oct. 16

Where: 628 N. 126th St.
Phone: (913) 721-1075 or (800) 373-0357
Admission: \$7-\$15

Hutchinson:

What: Kansas State Fair. Kansas' largest event showcasing Kansas agriculture, industry, and commerce, with a wide variety of entertainment.

When: Through Sept. 18
Where: 2000 N. Poplar, Kansas State Fairgrounds
Phone: (620) 669-3600 or (800) 362-3247

Web site: <http://www.kansasstatefair.com>
Admission: Varies

Collinswood Falls:

What: Prairie Drifter Sunset Tour. Open-air two-hour ride in 1958 grain truck through 20 miles of scenic Flint Hills back roads.

When: Friday and Saturday evenings through Oct. 31

Where: 215 Broadway, Grand Central Hotel
Phone: (620) 273-6763
Admission: \$15

Strong City:

What: Prairie Bus Tours. Tour the prairie's intricate system of plants and animals on this seven-mile bus tour led by National Park Service rangers. Experience sweeping views and endless skies.

When: 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. daily through Oct. 30
Where: Highway 177, Historic Ranch Headquarters
Phone: (620) 273-8494
Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids

Bucklin:

What: Gaedert Farm Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. Test your sense of direction in the 4.5-acre corn maze and choose your pumpkin at the pumpkin patch.

When: 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Nov. 6
Where: 1320 E. 82nd
Phone: (620) 543-3073 or (800) 638-2702
Admission: Varies

Open house features fun for children

By Jay Baker

DA public affairs intern

Fort Riley will open its gates to the public for an Open House and Apple Day Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1 on Cavalry Parade Field.

All the attractions are free, including an open air concert from 6 to 10 p.m. with country music artist John Stone.

Guests will find attractions throughout the area, said Brad Carlton, chief of Plans and Operations Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and

Security.

Some include the Veteran's Tent, Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard demonstrations and encampment and Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley re-enactors. There is something for everyone, Carlton said, especially for children.

Activities for young children include:

- A petting zoo.
 - Children's rides.
 - Obstacle course.
 - Mule-drawn wagon rides.
- At the obstacle course, "children will get a mission and they must negotiate a series of obsta-

cles by climbing, crawling and running to an objective. At the end, they will receive a prize," Carlton said.

There is a height requirement for the obstacle course, but small children may go through it with

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Old-time radio



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Stepping to the mike, (from left) chorus member Lauren Karp, Connie Miller (Megan Myrick) and Ann Collier (Laura Davis) sing their number while other cast members watch or frolic behind them. The cast was rehearsing the Junction City Little Theatre's production of "1940's Radio Hour" opening Sept. 23.

Wartime variety show opens season

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

It was December 1942, just four days before Christmas.

World War II was still in its infancy. Americans expressed confidence their Soldier boys would be back from "over there" before long.

In fact, some were predicting they could be home before Christmas 1943. At least, that was the hope.

In the meantime, Americans turned on their radios to fill the evening hours with entertainment to lift their spirits. Radio station KOV was set to broadcast one such variety show.

The fictional station's frenzied, some-

If you go:

What: "1940's Radio Hour" musical theater production

When: 8 p.m. Sept. 23, 24, 30 and Oct. 1 and 2 p.m. Sept. 25

Where: Junction City Little Theatre on 18th Street across from the Buffalo Soldier Monument.

Cost: \$12 for adults, \$7 for students, available at the door or call 238-6220 to make reservations

times successful, sometimes inept attempt to offer listeners top entertainment comes to life on the Junction City Little Theatre

stage as Kansas's oldest continuous little theater group performs "1940's Radio Hour" by Walton Jones this month.

The musical combines a cast of 14, chorus of six and eight-person orchestra for the group's 2005-2006 season curtain raiser.

The season includes the hilarious comedy "Nuncrackers" in late November, "Clue, the Musical" in February and "A Midsummer's Night Dream" in late April.

The upcoming show has been a challenge, admit co-directors Julie and Tim Stuck. Much of that stems from the 1940's music included in the show. "It's music a lot of the actors aren't familiar with," Tim

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Jazz, blues, R&B on tap

Dinner, dance, concert set at Marriott

By Sheryl Woodruff

Big Zeke Productions

A Kansas City jazz ensemble and blues vocalist as well as a Lawrence, Kan., R&B trio will perform Sept. 24 in the Cottonwood Ballroom of the Marriott Convention Center.

The concert and dance begins at 8 p.m. following dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Smooth Groove has performed as a jazz ensemble since 1989 and is well known throughout the jazz community and with jazz patrons.

Its repertoire includes standard and contemporary jazz, blues and swing.

Vocalist Stephanie Wilson delivers "in your face and tell it like it is down home" blues with a lot of gospel flavor. She always has audiences laughing, shouting, tapping their feet and shaking their heads in time to her powerful voice and delivery of those bitter-sweet memories of life and love.

Old school harmony, smooth vocals, soulful lyrics and electrifying performances are the trademarks of 3 A.M., an R&B group that opened for Ruben Studdard during a Grammy-sponsored event in Kansas City, Mo.

Tickets cost \$36 for the dinner, concert and dance. A \$21 ticket admits the holder to the concert and dance, if bought before the event. Tickets at the door will cost \$23 for the concert and dance.

Tickets can be purchased at the Marriott Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17, 2 to 7 p.m. Sept. 19 and 20 and 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 22 and 23.

Tickets also are available at Fort Riley's Information, Ticketing and Registration Office through Sept. 22.

K-State football fans will have time to change clothes and travel to Junction City for the concert and dance.

Teacher turns craft into accessories

Local art gallery slates class for creating beaded jewelry

By Gail Parsons

Director, Arts Council

Want to learn?

What: Kevin Butler will teach jewelry making at the Junction City Arts Council's September class.

When: 6 p.m., Sept. 21

Where: JCAC Art Gallery, 107 W. Seventh St.

Cost: \$10, covers all supplies and equipment.

Necessity is the mother of invention. For Kevin Butler, the necessity to find a less expensive option to his wife's love of jewelry led to his discovery of a hidden talent to design accessories.

Now, Lynn Butler has a full range of jewelry to match nearly any outfit in her closet, and Kevin has started a side business to supplement his teacher's salary. Several of his co-workers at Junction City High School also have benefited from his designer talents.

He can make jewelry that is nearly identical to name brand pieces for a fraction of the cost.

"It's not hard to duplicate things you see," he said.

Butler also has an eye for original designs and has a line of beaded jewelry that rivals the workmanship and aesthetic quality of expensive pieces sold in high-end galleries and catalogs.

"I have a necklace that I made that is in a catalog for \$149. I made it for \$18 to \$20," he said.

When he sells his pieces, he keeps his prices reasonable. On Sept. 21, he will share his secrets with people who sign up for a jewelry-making class at the Junction City Art Gallery.

In the class he will present an overview of how to make beaded jewelry and talk about the differ-

ences in using glass beads and gemstones.

Kevin said the skills that he will teach are relatively easy. He recently made 12 bridesmaid bracelets for a former student in three hours. The challenge comes into play when choosing what beads to use and how to arrange them in a visually appealing manner. As a designer, he sees how colors and shapes will blend together before making the piece.

People attending the class should have an idea of what they want, something dainty or something bold. "You have to know what your style is, and you have to decide how you want to express that," he said.



Photo provided by JCAC

Making beaded jewelry such as this will be the subject of a class scheduled at the Junction City Art Gallery Sept. 21.





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said.

The show includes some great old standards, however, including "I'll Be Seeing You," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Blue Moon" and "Strike Up the Band," as well as some Christmas favorites, such as "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

The audience attending "1940's Radio Hour" will be treated to a backstage look at WOV's preparation for the night's show, including some devious plotting by star wannabes, personality pouting and puffery by others, and even some horse race booking when the show's emcee, played by Dustin Powell, isn't keeping a close watch on Pops Bailey, played by Larry Divel.

The audience then gets to listen, and watch, as the performers sing, dance and act as the show presents a program of music and a little drama.

That night's show included the



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Geneva Browne (played by Daisy Cruz) gestures to the studio audience after finishing her number on KOV's musical variety show.

first segment of a radio adaptation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" complete with sound effects provided by Lou Conn, played by Marcus Field, and a lot ghostly sounds provided by members of the show sitting in the studio, waiting their time to go on.

Through all the miscues, the petty bickering, the pomposity of the untalented "top talent" and the occasional real star performances, WOV broadcasts another show and brings down the curtain to applause and emcee Clifton Feddington's sign off, "Bye-Bye and Buy Bonds."

The Stucks are blessed in this show to have a lot of returning little theater talent. About half of the cast has performed on the group's stage before, Julie said. Some really talented singers have joined them, too, she added.

Daisy Cruz, a military family member who recently arrived at Fort Riley with her husband after his assignment in Italy, plays Geneva Browne and belts out her numbers like she was raised singing in clubs and on stage.

Megan Myrick, a teacher at Custer Hill Elementary School, returns to the Junction City Little Theatre stage after a starring role in last season's "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Her youthful character, Connie Miller, adds some gushing appropriate from a star-struck singer who adores the show's star, drunken, cigarette-smoking and aging Johnny Cantone, played by Tim Stuck.

Cantone is billed as the lead vocalist on the show but spends more frustrating the emcee.

Young B.J. Gibson, played by Nathan Dibben, gets a shock when Cantone tells the radio audience he is performing his last show and that from that night on, B.J. would be the top vocalist.

It seems the \$2 Neal Tilden, played by Michael Brooks, gave Cantone to recommend him for the spotlight didn't pay off.

The audience never finds out if the \$2 bet Cantone then made with Pops paid off, but they win in the end with an entertaining show and some great music.



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The semi-talented "lead talent" for WOV's wartime music variety radio show, Johnny Cantone (left, played by Tim Stuck) holds his cigarette, cocktail glass and script while pondering his future on the show with emcee Clifton Feddington (Dustin Powell). The two were rehearsing for the upcoming "1940's Radio Hour" production by the Junction City Little Theatre group.

Cast/Character:

Larry Divel – Pops Bailey	Laura Davis – Ann Collier
Pam Popovich – Sylvia	*Daisy Cruz – Geneva Browne
Dustin Powell – Clifton Feddington	*Michael Treat – Biff Baker
Don Smith – Zoot Doubleman	*Indicates connection to Fort Riley
Michael Castile – Wally Ferguson	
*Marcus Field – Lou Cohn	
*Tim Stuck – Johnny Cantone	
Jennifer Stuck – Ginger Brooks	
*Megan Myrick – Connie Miller	
Nathan Dibben – B.J. Gibson	
Michael Brooks – Neal Tilden	

Chorus:

Lauren Karp
Desiree Brown
Cindy Carlyon
Tom Fish
Amanda Cruz
Alan Drew

Orchestra:

Director Vic Wang	John Weber	Stuart Workman
Sonia Ingram	Ashley Westover	Steve Mesek
	Will Teufel	Ramona Smith

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help from a parent, Carlton explained.

The petting zoo and inflatable attractions are geared for small children, Carlton said.

Children can see exotic animals and play on an inflatable pirate ship and in jumping rooms, he said.

Visitors of all ages may enjoy other activities, such as eating home-made foods and apple pie, watching military working dogs demonstrations, firing weapons

and seeing tactical vehicle displays, Carlton said.

"There will be combat vehicle displays, and guests will be able to get in there and look around and see what it's like," Carlton said.

He said everyone will also be able to see other weapons.

"Guests may fire an M16, an M249 and a 240 Bravo loaded with blanks and mounted with a laser targeting system," Carlton said.

If you go:

Visitors with valid Department of Defense vehicle registration stickers may enter at any open access point, including the Grant Avenue gate.

Those without vehicle stickers must enter through the Troop-Drive gate, Ogden gate or 12th Street access point. They should be prepared to show a valid vehicle insurance card, vehicle registration certificate and photo identifications of all adults in the vehicle to get a day pass and enter post to the Ogden Gate.

Buses may enter the 12th Street gate off Kansas Highway 18.



Publicity photo

Care Bears coming to Topeka stage

The Care Bears Live will present "Caring and Sharing Friends," a magical, musical journey to Care-a-lot with Cheer Bear, Wish Bear, Sunshine Bear, Grumpy Bear and the rest of their Care Bear friends. The show curtain opens at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 and 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Kansas Expo-centre, One Expo-centre Drive. For more information, call (785) 297-1000. Admission is \$14.50, \$16.50 and \$19.50. To charge tickets, call (785) 234-4545 or buy on the Web at www.ticketmaster.com.





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